



## UPCOMING EVENTS 2017

FEBRUARY 2017

FEBRUARY 25 Train meet at Frank and Barbara Kimmel's. Bring dish to share. They are in Weston Hills development on route 27 about 15 miles south of route 50. Call 352-223-7201 to let them know you are coming. Address is 15608 Bay Vista Drive Clermont. There is a call box at gate. Do not sneak in there is a 250 dollar fine. After gate go straight back to round about. Look for club house parking. Nice large layout good one to visit.

FEBRUARY 25,26 Bradenton Real Rail Train Show

MARCH 4 FGRS Meet River Bend RR, Labelle For questions Bill Severns e-mail at [highball\\_90@aol.com](mailto:highball_90@aol.com) Trains will run 10am to 3pm Railroad has 1215 feet of track. Lunch is available for purchase or you can bring your own. Trains radio controlled. RV show also going on. Address is 5800 West State Road 80 Alva 33920 River Bend RV Resort. Parking controlled from front gate. Golf carts will drive you to RR and RV show.



Deland train show , our club layout. Good to see some youngsters were enjoying the trains. Thanks to all who helped.

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# **“We are On the Right Track for 2017”**

**February 1, 2017**

## **President’s Notes from Ross Marvin**

As you renew your dues for this year you are probably wondering what are the club goals for 2017? We have already accomplished our first goal which was to create an on-going succession plan for the executive positions. That way those that lead the club have had a few years of working the different roles and understand what it takes to make the club successful. In the future, Treasurer will take over membership, membership will become vice president and yes you guessed it.....VP will be the in-coming president for the next year.

### **Create Club Officer emails**

We have created designated club email address for each position that are easy to remember and will allow us to maintain digital email correspondence/records for all future club position holders, just by changing the password. When I took over the president’s position I was handed bags and boxes of paper correspondence/club history. Moving forward that will all be digital. For example, my club email is [fgrs.president@gmail.com](mailto:fgrs.president@gmail.com). Tom Hite, our new newsletter chair is [newsletter.fgrs@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.fgrs@gmail.com), etc., etc. Not all are up and running yet, but that should be complete within a week or two of receiving this newsletter.

### **Improve/Update the Website**

Our website is a work-in-progress and we have a new software package that will make it easier to update/use. Thank you, Paul Wagner, for all you are doing to make it more usable. Expect changes to come in the first quarter of 2017.

### **Improve/Update Our Club Newsletter**

Tom Hite is working on a new format for our newsletter which will launch in March. It will be electronic and will allow us to add unlimited content (Yes.... you can write articles, submit pictures, etc.) as well as save the club money on

printing and mailing.

### **Improve Our Facebook**

Our Facebook page is active and I respectfully request that more of you...."JOIN IT". It is closed for just us to post and stay in touch with each other. Once we have most members on it...we can use it to share real-time opportunities, etc.

### **Create Events**

Frank and Ron are working on a plan to have a scaled down layout for smaller train shows, as well as attending additional shows this year. More details to come.

Thanks to Paul & Patty Wagner for kicking off the "Fun Run" calendar this year hosting the January event. We have an event each month through May and then October and November. Other ideas for club events are welcome and appreciated.

### **Add a Donation Track that works with our Non-Profit Status**

We are registered with the State of Florida as a non-profit so for those that are looking to reduce their inventory of trains and want to donate collections, books, etc., we are working on a process for the club to sell them and add to the club treasury. You can contact me directly at [fgrs.president@gmail.com](mailto:fgrs.president@gmail.com).

### **Get More Members Involved**

It's your club and as I said last month "if everyone adds one thing, imagine how much more fun this club will be, and how much more everyone will get out of being a member." So step up, write an article, create an event, donate to the club, or join the executive team in making The Florida Garden Railway Society a better club for all of us. Keep G-Scaling. Ross

**FGRS Membership Application**

The Florida Garden Railway Society (FGRS) invites you to join a group of people who share a common interest in large scale trains, both indoors, outdoors, or modules. We are a group of individuals, couples, and families who enjoy socializing with others and participating in train related activities. Dues are \$30 per year for single or family memberships. Annual dues include subscription to the FGRS newsletter. All renewals are due in January. If interested in joining FGRS, or to renew your membership, please complete this application and send a check payable to Florida Garden Railway Society (FGRS) , Attn: Fred Weber, 7686 E. Oak Forest St. Floral City, Fl. 34436.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#\_(     )-\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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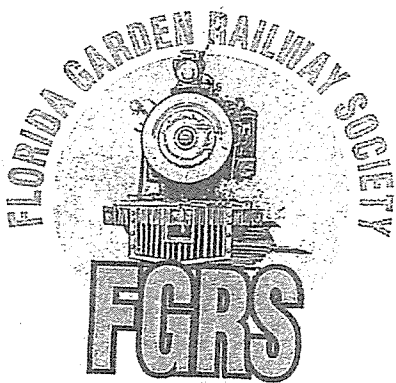
Would you like your information shared with the club members only? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name Badges are \$16 each. They have two lines: one for your name and one can have the town where you live or the name of your railroad. Mail information to Fred Weber with check.

First Badge \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Town or RR name \_\_\_\_\_



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